

MDOT Efficiencies: Putting more money back into roads — — —

Transportation funding continues to decline, but the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) strives to be as efficient as possible, putting all available dollars into roads and bridges. Just like a family facing tough times, MDOT is cutting wherever it can and responsibly investing what's left.

Examples of those savings:

Doing more with less -

Saved **\$48.1 million** cutting overall staff by 15 percent and closing eight facilities statewide. MDOT has 2,518 employees, 27 percent fewer than in 1997.



Cutting debt -

By refinancing bonds and streamlining internal processes, MDOT identified **\$71 million** in one-time savings.



Going paperless -

Using electronic signatures for construction documents, we save weeks of processing and 7.4 million sheets of paper. We've saved **\$4 million** per year, with greater savings to come.



Public-private sharing -

Partnering with businesses and local government and improving maintenance practices saved **\$22 million** in 2012 and 2013.



Energy Savings -

Savings from programmable thermostats, insulation and limiting lighting have cut electric and gas usage = **\$4 million** a year.



Getting good advice -

Using independent project review, called Value Engineering, MDOT has reduced construction costs. In the past three years, we saved more than **\$27 million**.



Average
annual savings
of **\$63
million**
since 2009

